

REMARKS:

The Office action mailed January 9, 2008 has been received and carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following is respectfully requested.

The claims have been rejected as anticipated by DE 298 10 798 (German Schafer).

The Examiner continues to take the position that the German reference of Schafer shows a helical wound structure. Applicant continues to disagree with this premise. There is nothing that requires a "grub screw", as it is translated from the German, to be helically wound. Such a screw can have mating portions that rotate, for example 90°, into each other and such are well known. It is believed that this is what is shown in the German reference. Further, as previously discussed, the German reference cannot be helically wound because the various tiers have no pitch. A thread or other structure must have a pitch to be helically wound.


Still further, in support of applicant's position, the inventor of the German reference is also the inventor of U.S. Patent 6,540,749. This patent shows a perspective view of a device used by the inventor which has a structure that is of the same type as is believed to be shown in his earlier German patent. In particular, it shows a "nose" 48 that has no pitch that rotates 90° into grooves 42 in the receiver. It is believed that the later Shafer patent supports applicant's analysis of the

earlier patent and that applicant's position would be the same interpretation as those having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the filing of the present application. Consequently, it is urged that the claims are allowable.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, if prosecution of this application can be expedited thereby.

Respectfully Submitted,

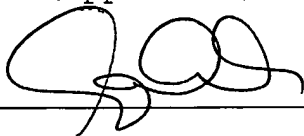
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